

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City



SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. : **1868**

Introduced by HON. MA JOCELYN VALERA-BERNOS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of abra is a landlocked province of the Philippines in the cordillera administrative Region with its capital town Bangued. In 1818, the Ilocos region, including Abra, was divided into Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur. In 1846 Abra was created as Political-Military province with Lepanto as a sub-province. In 1908 the Philippine commission once again annexed Abra to Ilocos Sur in an attempt to resolve Abra's financial difficulties. On March 09, 1917, The Philippine assembly Re-established Abra as a province. The following year manifest the first observance of its foundation anniversary. On the late 80's the provincial government of Abra expanded its celebration with cultural presentation on the province's culture and traditions.

It was observed, however, through years the participation in the different activities during the celebration is limited to the provincial employees, officials and municipal officials and some participating groups due to the fact that said date mostly falls on a regular work day.

In recognition of the historic significance of the foundation of the province of Abra and the need to infuse it in the heart and mind of every Abrenio, it is only apt that March 9 of each year be declared a special non-working holiday to permit the greater masses of its people to participate, reflect and celebrate the event with proper programs and ceremonies.

Moreover, said date also coincides with the celebration of the Abrenian Kawayan Festival which showcases the different culture and traditions of every Abrenio and the advancement of the province economically and the most importantly, helps in the promotion of peace and the growing trade, investment and tourism of the province.

It is then prayed to the Honorable tribunal of the 15th congress for the approval of this bill.


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AN ACT DECLARING THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY AND THE CULMINATION OF THE ABRENIAN KAWAYAN FESTIVAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in congress assembled:

SECTION 1. March 9 from this year hereon is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the province of Abra, in commemoration of its foundation anniversary and the culmination of the Abrenian Kawayan Festival.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.